

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A picture book production system comprising:
a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data ~~in~~
~~accordance~~associated with behavior of a main character corresponding to a first
plurality of keywords representing said behavior of said main character in a picture
book, said memory means also storing a plurality of image data corresponding to said
plurality of sentence data;

a selection means for selecting ~~a keyword~~second plurality of keywords from said
first plurality of keywords, the second plurality of keywords being smaller or equal in
number to the first plurality of keywords; and

a production means for reading out from said memory means said sentence data
and said image data corresponding to said selected ~~keyword as a retrieval key~~second
plurality of keywords, and synthesizing said read-out sentence data and said read-out
image data, such that the read-out sentence data is randomly ordered, to produce said
picture book.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended) A picture book production system according to
claim 1, wherein:

said plurality of ~~images~~image data includes animations.

Claim 3 (Original) A picture book production system according to claim 1,
wherein:

said memory means stores said plurality of sentence data and said plurality of image data in accordance with seasons; and

said production means recognizes a present season by a time means, reads out from said memory means said sentence data and said image data corresponding to said present season, and produces said picture book.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended) A picture book production system comprising:

a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data ~~in accordance~~ associated with behavior of a main character corresponding to a plurality of keywords representing said behavior of said main character in a picture book, said memory means also storing a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of sentence data;

a selection means for selecting, in a particular order, ~~a plurality of multiple~~ keywords from said plurality of keywords; and

a production means for rearranging the order of said selected ~~plurality of multiple~~ keywords, reading out from said memory means said plurality of sentence data and said plurality of image data corresponding to said selected ~~plurality of multiple~~ keywords as ~~retrieval keys~~, synthesizing said read-out plurality of sentence data and said read-out plurality of image data to produce a plurality of picture book constituent parts, and combining said plurality of picture book constituent parts in ~~an order of~~ said rearranged

~~plurality~~order of the multiple keywords to produce said picture book.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended) A picture book production system according to claim 4, wherein:

said ~~plurality of~~multiple keywords are rearranged in a random order.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended) A picture book production system according to claim 4, wherein:

said production means combines said plurality of picture book constituent parts by inserting a connecting sentence between said picture book constituent parts to be combined so that ~~the~~a natural flow of ~~the sentence~~ occurs therebetween.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A picture book production system according to claim 4, wherein:

said plurality of ~~images~~image data includes animations.

Claim 8 (Original) A picture book production system according to claim 4, wherein:

said memory means stores said plurality of sentence data and said plurality of image data in accordance with seasons; and

said production means recognizes a present season by a time means, reads out from said memory means said plurality of sentence data and said plurality of image data corresponding to said present season, and produces said picture book.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended) A picture book production system comprising:

a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data ~~in accordance~~associated with behavior of a plurality of main characters ~~corresponding to said plurality of main characters~~ in a picture book and corresponding to a plurality of keywords representing said behavior of said main characters, said memory means also storing a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of sentence data;

a selection means for selecting one main character and ~~a plurality of multiple~~ keywords from said plurality of main characters and said plurality of keywords, the multiple keywords being selected in a particular order; and

a production means for rearranging the order of said selected ~~plurality of multiple~~ keywords, reading out from said memory means said plurality of sentence data and said plurality of image data corresponding to said one selected main character and said selected ~~plurality of multiple~~ keywords ~~as retrieval keys~~, synthesizing said read-out plurality of sentence data and said read-out plurality of image data to produce a plurality of picture book constituent parts, and combining said plurality of picture book constituent parts in ~~an order of~~ said rearranged ~~plurality~~order of the multiple keywords to produce said picture book.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A picture book production system comprising:

a memory means for storing a plurality of locations for movement of a main character and a plurality of sub-characters appearing therein corresponding to a plurality of keywords representing behavior of said main character in a picture book,

said memory means also storing a plurality of sentence data, associated ~~in accordance~~ with said behavior, corresponding to said keywords, said locations, and said sub-characters, said memory means also storing a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of sentence data;

a selection means for selecting a keyword from said plurality of keywords; and

a production means for ~~optionally~~ determining said locations and said sub-characters on the basis of said selected keyword, reading out from said memory means said sentence data and said image data corresponding to said selected keyword, said determined locations and said determined sub-characters ~~as retrieval keys~~, and synthesizing said read-out sentence data and said read-out image data to produce said picture book.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) A picture book production system comprising:

a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data ~~in accordance~~ associated with behavior of a main character corresponding to a plurality of keywords representing said behavior of said main character in a picture book, said memory means also storing a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of sentence data;

a selection means for selecting ~~a keyword~~ multiple keywords from said plurality of ~~key-words~~ keywords;

a production means for reading out from said memory means said sentence data and said image data corresponding to said selected ~~keyword as a retrieval key~~ multiple keywords, and synthesizing said read-out sentence data and said read-out image data,

such that the read-out sentence data is randomly ordered, to produce said picture book;

and

a display means for displaying said picture book.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) A server for producing a picture book in accordance with information from a terminal connected via a network, said server comprising:

a memory means for storing a plurality of sentence data ~~in accordance with~~ associated with behavior of a main character corresponding to a plurality of keywords representing said behavior of said main character in said picture book, said memory means also storing a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of sentence data; and

a production means for reading out from said memory means said sentence data and said image data corresponding to ~~said keyword~~ multiple keywords selected as a retrieval ~~key~~ keys from said plurality of ~~key-words~~ keywords by said terminal, and synthesizing said read-out sentence data and said read-out image data, such that the read-out sentence data is randomly ordered, to produce said picture book.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) A server for producing a picture book according to claim 12, wherein:

said production means enables said picture book to be read for said terminal in accordance with a request from said terminal.

Claim 14 (Original) A server for producing a picture book according to claim 12, wherein:

said terminal is a mobile phone, PHS, PDA, pocketboard, or PC.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended) A recording medium for recording comprising:

a plurality of sentence data corresponding to a first plurality of keywords representing behavior of a main character in a picture book,

a plurality of image data corresponding to said plurality of sentence data, and

a computer operating program for reading out, from said plurality of sentence data and from said plurality of image data, said sentence data and said image data corresponding to ~~said keywords~~ a second plurality of keywords selected as ~~a retrieval key~~ from said first plurality of keywords, and synthesizing said read-out sentence data and said read-out image data, such that the read-out sentence data is randomly ordered, to produce said picture book.